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**Application Number: To be assigned** )  
**Filed: Concurrently Herewith** )  
**For: PACKET TRANSFER APPARATUS WITH THE** )  
**FUNCTION OF FLOW DETECTION AND FLOW** )  
**MANAGEMENT METHOD** )

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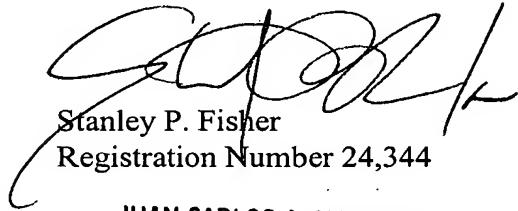
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- (1) "A flow identification method using content addressable memory"  
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- (2) Chapter 4.4.1 to Chapter 4.4.3 in the ATM Forum Specification  
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